



*Photo of Juan Bautista de Anza Park*

## **APPENDIX B: Existing Resources**

## Findings and Conclusions

Listed below is a summary of the existing park and recreation resources within the Calabasas area.

***Park land*** The City of Calabasas owns a total of 56.6 acres of park land. This includes two mini-parks, two neighborhood parks, one community park, five special use areas, and one undesignated/undeveloped park site.

There are also eight school facilities in Calabasas. These provide some additional park land to City residents through a joint use agreement between the School District and the City.

***Open space*** There is a significant amount of open space in the City. Most of the open space is land zoned either as “Open Space” or as “Hillside Mountainous”. Both zones restrict development. Some of the land zoned “Open Space” or “Hillside Mountainous” is privately owned. The City of Calabasas owns almost 300 acres of open space, but the Community Services Department is not currently responsible for it and does not include any open space in its park inventory. Open space in Calabasas is owned by the City, other public agencies, homeowners associations, or by non-profit groups including the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Restoration Trust.

***Trails*** There are some trails within the City of Calabasas, but the Community Services Department is not responsible for any trails outside of existing parks, and does not include trails within its parks inventory. There are many opportunities for trails and trail connections because of the open space land in Calabasas.

***Facilities*** The City of Calabasas has several well-developed facilities, including the Tennis & Swim Center with its many tennis courts and an outdoor pool, the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center with its climbing wall, the Klubhouse Pre-School building at Creekside Park, and the attractive meeting rooms and offices at De Anza Park. However, the City has very few sport fields. Most of the fields in the community are located on school sites. At City parks, there are a total of three fields: Two fields with multi-use backstops and one youth baseball field. Due to topographic constraints and the limited availability of suitable land, finding additional sites for active recreation facilities and sports fields will likely be a challenge.

## B.1 Introduction

One of the objectives of the Park and Recreation Master Plan is to identify future park sites and the type of facilities they should contain. In order to make these decisions, it is important to inventory and analyze the existing recreation resources in terms of service characteristics, development potential and existing deficiencies. To conduct this type of analysis, MIG has developed a park classification system based on size and function. This classification system not only helps in the needs assessment process, but also allows comparison with other communities. Definitions of the various park types are found on page 2-6.

The following table is a summary by type of all parks and recreation areas located within Calabasas. Please note the acreage is estimated for open space owned by public or non-profit agencies other than Calabasas. Also note there is additional open space owned by private parties in the City, including open space tracts owned by Homeowners Associations. Privately owned open space is not included within Table B.1.

**Table B.1**  
Summary of Existing Park and Recreation Resources  
City of Calabasas

Park Land Type	Calabasas Community Services Dept.	Other City of Calabasas	Other Public or Non-profit	TOTAL
Mini-Parks	2.2	0.0	0.0	2.2
Neighborhood Parks	10.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
Community Parks	8.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
Regional Parks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special Use Areas	34.6	0.0	0.0	34.6
Open Space	0.0	287.6 <sup>1</sup>	1470.0 <sup>1</sup>	1757.6
Undev / Undesignated	1.8	0.0	0.0	1.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>287.6</b>	<b>1106.0</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Estimated acreage

Based on the inventory above, the current ratio of park land to population can be derived. The current ratio is the existing amount of park land divided by the existing population, and is expressed in terms of acres per 1,000 population. By analyzing current ratios, one can quickly compare park inventories with other communities and determine the impacts of changing the ratios. Listed on the following page is the current ratio for each of the park land categories in Calabasas.

**Table B.2**  
Summary of Current Ratios: Acres per 1,000 Population  
City of Calabasas

Park Land Type	Ratio
Mini-Parks	0.11
Neighborhood Parks	0.50
Community Parks	0.40
Regional Parks	--
Special Use Areas	1.73
Open Space	14.36
Undeveloped /Undesignated	0.09

A ratio is shown for the Undeveloped/Undesignated park land, because once a park use is identified for the one park site, it will be reclassified and the ratios for its new classifications will be increased accordingly.

On the following page, the Existing Recreation Resources map for Calabasas shows each existing park and indicates the classification for each park.

*[Insert 11x17 Existing Park and Recreation Areas Map]*

## B.2 Park Land Definitions

In order to assess the park system in Calabasas and to address specific land needs, the existing resources have been classified based on the following classifications.

### *Mini-Parks*

Mini-parks, tot lots and children's playgrounds are all small single purpose play lots designed primarily for usage by small children. Due to their size, the facilities are usually limited to a small open grass area, a children's playground and a small picnic area. Size ranges from .25 to 2 acres.

### *Neighborhood Parks*

Neighborhood parks are designed primarily as a combination of a playground and a park for non-supervised, non-organized recreation activities. They are generally small in size and serve an area of approximately one-half mile radius. Typically, facilities found in a neighborhood park include a children's playground, picnic areas, trails, open grass areas for passive use, outdoor basketball courts and multi-use sport fields for soccer, and youth baseball. Size ranges from 2 to 10 acres, with the optimum size at 5 acres.

### *Community Parks*

A community park is planned primarily to provide active and structured recreation opportunities. In general, community park facilities are designed for organized activities and sports, although individual and family activities are also encouraged. Community parks serve a much larger area and offer more facilities. As a result, they require more in terms of support facilities, such as parking, restrooms, and covered play areas. Community parks usually have sport fields or similar facilities as the central focus of the park. Their service area is roughly a 1-2 mile radius. Size ranges from 20 to 40 acres, with the optimum size at 30 acres.

### *Regional Parks*

Regional parks are recreational areas serving the city and beyond. They are usually large in size and often include one specific use or feature that makes them unique. Typically, use focuses on passive types of recreational activities. Those located within urban areas sometimes offer a wider range of facilities and activities.

### *Special Use Areas*

Special use areas are miscellaneous public recreation areas or land occupied by a specialized facility. Some of the uses falling into this classification include community centers, golf courses, single purpose sites used for field sports, and sites occupied by buildings.

### *Environmental Education Center*

An Environmental Education Center is a facility with the purpose of educating the public about natural resources and the importance of conservation.

***Open Space Areas***

Natural open space is defined as undeveloped land primarily left in its natural environment with recreation use as a secondary objective. It is usually owned or managed by a governmental agency and may or may not have public access. This type of land often includes wetlands, steep hillsides or other similar spaces. In some cases, environmentally sensitive areas are considered as open space and can include wildlife habitats, stream and creek corridors, or unique and/or endangered plant species. At this stage of the project, no subcategories of open space have been developed. If the City identifies subcategories of open space, these parcels will be reclassified into the selected subcategories.

***Linear Park***

Linear parks are developed landscaped areas and other lands that follow linear corridors such as abandoned railroad right-of-ways, canals, power lines, and other elongated features. This type of park usually contains trails, landscaped areas, viewpoints and seating areas.

***Undesignated/  
Undeveloped Land***

This is undeveloped land and has not yet been designated for a specific park use.

***Private Parks***

These include sites that are privately owned but that contribute to the recreational opportunities in the area. This would include golf courses, facilities in private developments, and park areas owned by homeowners associations.

Beginning on the following page is an evaluation of each existing park and recreation area under the ownership or control of the City of Calabasas.

**Agoura Hills / Calabasas  
Community Center**

<b>Location:</b>	Malibu Hills Road near the Agoura Hills / Calabasas boundary.
<b>Size:</b>	4.5 acres
<b>Ownership:</b>	Joint venture, City of Calabasas and City of Agoura Hills.
<b>Status:</b>	Developed
<b>Existing Facilities:</b>	30,000-s.f. structure built in 1999. Has aerobics room, a 40' climbing wall, a senior citizen lounge, a 10,000-s.f. gymnasium with full-sized basketball and volleyball courts, and a fitness center. The facility includes a 5,000-s.f. banquet hall.
<b>Planned Improvements:</b>	none
<b>Deficiencies:</b>	none noted
<b>Comments:</b>	The facility was built through a partnership between the cities of Calabasas and Agoura Hills, and is managed by a joint powers authority composed of representatives from both cities. The facility is intended to become self-supporting, but currently is subsidized by both cities. The staff at the facility is currently City of Agoura Hills employees, but are paid through the Community Center budget managed by the joint powers authority. Fitness memberships are available, but a cap on memberships went into effect in September 2001. There is a waiting list. Drop-in use is available at any time, but is more expensive than the membership rate.

## Calabasas Bark Park

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Across from A.E. Wright Middle School on Las Virgenes Road.
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	0.8 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Enclosed lighted off-leash area, parking (35 spaces).
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	none
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	According to the maintenance staff, Bark Park is too small for the number of dogs it accommodates. It is currently used at all times of the day, and is bare earth due to the number of dogs and heavy use.
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	The City leases the fenced area from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for \$1 per year, but this does not include the parking lot. The LVMWD built the Bark Park parking lot as overflow parking for their office building to meet code requirements for parking spaces. According to LVMWD planner Gene Talmadge, the District does not wish to expand this parking lot, and does not intend to allow the City to expand it. The off-leash area is mainly dirt – very little grass remains. The lights do not turn on automatically. They are operated when a park user turns on the timer. There is a portable restroom facility and a dog watering facility.

## Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Near intersection of Park Granada and Park Sorrento in civic center of town.
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	7.5 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	8-lane, 25-meter outdoor pool with small locker room, ADA-accessible playground, 3 fitness rooms (1 small – 1,000-s.f.), dance/aerobics room, locker room for tennis, sauna, 2 social / meeting rooms, children’s play room, 15 hard tennis courts, 1 clay court, seasonal food service
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	Last remodel completed in 2000.
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	None noted.
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	This is a former private club purchased by City in 1994. The facility is run as an enterprise fund, and it pays for its own operational costs. Tennis and health memberships are available. There is currently a cap on memberships, with a waiting list of more than 500. The Tennis & Swim Center has the only public pool in Calabasas.

## Creekside Park

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Old Topanga Canyon Road.
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	11.8 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Open grass area, youth baseball field, basketball court, community center building with 2 multi-purpose rooms, children's play area, parking
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	none
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	none noted
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	<p>The City bought this property to use as a Pre-School/park. Before the City purchased the site, it contained a licensed Pre-School program. The City has continued to operate the Pre-School operation. Due to current conditions of the State-licensed Pre-School program, access to this park is limited during the day. The surrounding neighborhood has a history of opposing any type of active use of this park.</p> <p>The building on the site is used for the Pre-School program. There is more parking on the site than the Pre-School use needs, and possibly more than the other facilities at the park warrant. A youth baseball field on the site is used for practice only, not for games. This field could be improved and potentially provide for some of the City's field needs, if the Pre-School situation were addressed to allow use of the park during the day or early evening.</p>

## Freedom Park

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Eastern edge of Calabasas, overlooking the site of the A.C. Stelle Middle School
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	1.7 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Small ADA accessible playground, tetherball pad, unpaved trail, seating area
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	Park was constructed by the City in 1994.
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	Lack of ADA access from the street.
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	<p>This is a very small mini-park located on a hillside across a gulch from the new middle school. There was a possible land acquisition adjacent to the park, but the land could not be used due to the slopes. The park is located on a slope, and contains an unpaved trail that is badly eroded. In general, there is a lot of erosion on the site. Some of the timber steps need replacement. Overall, the park needs only minor upgrades and improvements.</p> <p>The surrounding neighborhood is seeking (at the time the master plan was being prepared) to add a gate with coded entry for residents to prevent non-residents from entering the neighborhood. The neighborhood intends to add pedestrian-only access to the park from Mulholland Highway. As part of the neighborhood's plan for access to Freedom Park, nonresidents of the neighborhood would park on Mulholland Highway and walk through the pedestrian only access to the park.</p>

## Gates Canyon Park

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Northwest Calabasas just outside City limits
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	7 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Two (2) lighted tennis courts. Small playground with fiber play surface, small shelter app. 30' x 30' in size, lighted full basketball court, restroom, vending machines, 9 picnic tables on concrete pads, fitness course, multi-use ball field, Home Garden Learning Center (an environmental education building), parking
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	Park was constructed by Los Angeles County in 1993, and ownership was turned over to Calabasas in 2000.
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	Limited ADA accessibility to playground. There is a large open area at the north, but it is sloped.
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	This park is located outside Calabasas city limits. Ownership of the park was recently turned over to the City from Los Angeles County. It is a fairly new neighborhood park in overall good condition. Drainage is a problem adjacent to the shelter. The restroom is a very basic single occupancy structure with two units. There is a 12' wide concrete sidewalk. There was a portable skate park located on the basketball court, but it was closed in Autumn 2002. There is potential to add additional facilities and features to this park.

## Grape Arbor Park

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Westernmost Calabasas
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	3 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Two (2) playgrounds, 1 sand volleyball court, full basketball court, large grape arbor shelter, multi-use backstop, restroom, parking
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	Change-out of play equipment, upgrade restrooms
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	none
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	There are a number of old mature trees, which provides a nice setting. This was once a Los Angeles County park. It was turned over to Calabasas upon incorporation. This park is in overall good condition with only minor improvements needed. Parking is limited. The full basketball court is located on dedicated portion of the parking lot, and was created by reconfiguring the parking. The court is in fair condition with new glass backboards and needs surfacing. The restroom is in fair condition.

## Highlands Park

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Southeastern Calabasas on Summit Drive
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	0.5 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Small fenced playground, 1 picnic table, concrete pad
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	None
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	No parking. This site is located on a very narrow winding street.
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	This is the newest park in Calabasas. It was built by the City in 1997.

## Juan Bautista de Anza Park

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Southwestern Calabasas on Lost Hills Road
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	8.0 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Developed
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Small water play area, 100' x 200' roller hockey rink overlaid on 3 full basketball courts, multi-use backstop, 3 playgrounds, small amphitheater, small conference center with 2 meeting rooms, an administrative office, and restrooms, 3 sheltered picnic areas seating 80 each, 40 parking spaces, 1 picnic table, concrete pad
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	Maintenance Shed, minor improvements
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	None noted
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	The courts are lighted. Of the three playgrounds, one is enclosed and geared for ages 2 to 5, and one is quite large. There is an unpaved trail around the park, and a trailhead to the hills behind the park. This park was built by the City in 1996.

**Wild Walnut Park:**

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	At the intersection of Mulholland Highway and Old Topanga Canyon Road.
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	Approximately 10 acres of a larger open space site.
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Partial Development
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	Picnic, nature trail, interpretive signage
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	Through the Park and Recreation Master Plan process, a concept plan was developed for this site.
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	None
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	The park size is established by CC&Rs which protect the remainder of the City-owned parcel for open space and identify the area that may be used for more active recreation. The Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority owns the portion of the parcel located north of the private Wagon Wheel Ranch Road.

**Future Park Site:  
West Side**

<b><i>Location:</i></b>	At the intersection of Las Virgenes Road and Lost Hills Road, adjacent to De Anza Park
<b><i>Size:</i></b>	1.8 acres
<b><i>Ownership:</i></b>	City of Calabasas
<b><i>Status:</i></b>	Undeveloped
<b><i>Existing Facilities:</i></b>	None
<b><i>Planned Improvements:</i></b>	Through the Park and Recreation Master Plan process, a concept plan was developed for this site, but has not been taken forward.
<b><i>Deficiencies:</i></b>	None
<b><i>Comments:</i></b>	This site is adjacent to De Anza Park, but is separated from De Anza by the Las Virgenes Creek arroyo. Malibu Creek State Park is adjacent to the southern boundary of the site.

**Table B.3**  
Summary of Parks and Recreational Areas By Type  
Calabasas

Park Areas	Total Acres	Comments
Mini Parks		
Freedom Park	1.7	
Highlands Park	0.5	
Sub Total	2.2	
Neighborhood Parks		
Gates Canyon Park	7.0	Potential for more use
Grape Arbor Park	3.0	
Sub Total	10.0	
Community Parks		
Juan Bautista de Anza Park	8.0	
Sub Total	8.0	
Special Use Areas		
Community Center	4.5	Health memberships
Creekside Park	11.8	Day care operation
Calabasas Bark Park	0.8	Heavily used
Tennis & Swim Center	7.5	Health memberships
Wild Walnut Park	10.0	Passive use
Sub Total	34.6	
Undeveloped/Undesignated		
Las Virgenes/Lost Hills	1.8	
	1.8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56.6</b>	

**Table B.4**  
Summary of Recreation Facilities in Existing Parks  
City of Calabasas

Park Area Services Matrix	Reg. Baseball Fields	Youth Base/Softball Fields	Reg. Softball Fields	Multi-use Backstop	Soccer Fields	Open Play Areas	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Basketball Courts	Playground Areas	Shelter Buildings	Picnic Areas	Restroom	Parking Areas	Pathway/Trails	Pools	Indoor Facilities	Other
Mini Parks																		
Freedom Park																		Tetherball
Highlands Park												1						
Neighborhood Parks																		
Gates Canyon Park							2		1	1		9						Lighted courts, vending machines
Grape Arbor Park				1				1	1	2								Grape arbor over picnic tables
Community Parks																		
De Anza Park				1					3	3		3						Water playground, Roller hockey (on basketball court), *3 picnic areas each seating 80
Special Use Areas																		
Bark Park																		Lighted fenced off-leash area with dog watering. Restroom is portable.
Community Center																		Indoor basketball, volleyball, climbing wall and fitness rooms. Gymnasium
Creekside Park		1							1									
Tennis & Swim Center							1 6									1		15 hard courts, 1 clay court, fitness rooms
Wild Walnut Park											1				1			Picnic area, nature trail

**Undesignated/  
Undeveloped Parks**

**Environmental Education  
Center**

The City has one undesignated/undeveloped park site. In conjunction with the Park and Recreation Master Plan project, conceptual designs were prepared for the site. The site is 1.8 acres in size and is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Las Virgenes and Lost Hills Roads, adjacent to De Anza Park.

Headwaters Corner, an environmental and cultural interpretive center was developed by the public/private partnership of the City of Calabasas and Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT). MRT's mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the natural resources of the Santa Monica Mountains through acquisition, restoration,

and education. The purpose of the center is to educate the public about the natural resources of the local environment and the importance of conservation.

Current ownership by MRT includes 12 acres of land with five different ecosystems and two former single-family residences, one dating back to 1895. Both of these buildings have been adapted for educational and administrative purposes. There is one remaining parcel to acquire to complete the center. There are a number of current and planned programs at the facility.

MRT's Cold Creek Docents, established in 1977, conduct outdoor education programs for elementary schoolchildren, naturalist-led family walks, and resource education events in the Cold Creek watershed. MRT organizes hands-on habitat restoration and education programs throughout the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to engage the local community in becoming stewards of the land. Outdoor walks and lectures led by the MRT staff and volunteers engage the public in understanding and appreciating the dynamics of the local ecosystem and how humans are a part of the system.

Headwater's Corner is also home to the Youth Naturalist Program and Nature Discovery Camp summer day program. Headwaters Corner provides a venue for local service projects for a variety of organizations such as youth and school groups, community organizations and home school programs. MRT includes the Calabasas High School Earth Club on many environmental and cultural education opportunities for all age groups in addition to passive recreation at Headwaters Corner. MRT will work with local schools to incorporate the Headwaters Corner programs into their curriculum.

### ***Other Park Land***

The Community Services Department currently pays for maintenance of a small tract called "Linear Park" or "Las Virgenes Greenbelt". This area is undeveloped Right of Way (R.O.W.) on Las Virgenes Road located across from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District offices. It was planted with drought tolerant plants by LVMWD, and has been maintained by the City ever since. There are a number of landscaped medians and landscaped R.O.W.'s in the City, and all but "Linear Park" are either maintained by the Public Works Department or by private Homeowners Associations through assessment districts. The Community Services Department does not include "Linear Park" in its parks inventory. This area is not included in the facilities inventory for the following reasons: it serves no recreation purpose, it is part of a R.O.W., and it functions simply as a beautification area. Beautification areas in

Calabasas, with the exception of “Linear Park”, are the responsibility of Public Works or of HOA’s.

***Open Space***

Calabasas has approximately 200 acres of open space land adjacent to De Anza Park. As part of the Micor property acquisition, the City of Calabasas acquired a parcel of land near the intersection of Mulholland Highway and Las Virgenes Road, next to the holdings of LVMWD and the SMMC. The City also owns more than 20 acres of protected land adjacent to the Wild Walnut Park at Mulholland and Old Topanga. An additional 20 acres (approximately) of open space is located adjacent to the future City Hall site, behind the Commons shopping center. The City owns 5 acres of open space at Dry Canyon Cold Creek. The most recent open space acquisition for Calabasas is the Dorothy Road properties, which include 23.5 acres off Old Topanga Canyon Road on the east side of town.

Calabasas has had an ongoing commitment to protecting open space and environmentally sensitive areas. The City’s Planning Department is in the process of preparing an Open Space Master Plan, which will include an inventory of open space land in Calabasas. However, although the City already owns several hundred acres of open space, Community Services does not currently include any open space land within its park inventory. No open space is included in the facilities inventory because Community Services is not responsible for any at the present time.

***Trails***

There are several trails in Calabasas, and many trails in the mountains and open space nearby. Currently, there are no trails under the responsibility of the Community Services Department outside of existing parks. Most trails identified within City limits are unpaved hiking trails that are not maintained by the City. Some park facilities contain trailheads that connect into existing systems. The City is currently completing a Trails Master Plan that could result in more trails in Calabasas, and an increased role for the City in trails development and maintenance. When the Trails Master Plan is completed, the Community Services Department may take on a greater role in trails.

**B.4 Public Lands**

Calabasas is located in a very scenic area at the edge of the Santa Monica Mountains. There is a substantial amount of publicly owned land around the City of Calabasas, as well as tracts of publicly owned land within the City. In addition, non-profit conservation groups also own land around the City.

**Table B.5**  
 Summary of Publicly Owned Lands  
 Within or Adjacent to Calabasas City Limits

Publicly Owned Land In Calabasas Vicinity	Acres	Facility
Malibu Creek State Park (California State Parks)	4,000	Open Space 15 miles of trail Abuts city limits to the southeast.
Mountains Restoration Trust	1,200	Headwaters Corner Environmental Education Center and Cold Creek Preserve
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	1,000	Protected acreage throughout Calabasas
Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility (Las Virgenes Municipal Water District)	100	LVMWD office, biosolids composting, 91-acre farm used for biosolid injection/ fodder crops
Cheseboro/Palo Comado Canyon (National Park Service)	--	Located at NW boundary of Calabasas. Part of Santa Monica Mountains N.R.A. 18 miles of trails.
Los Angeles County		Landfill
Calabasas Golf & Country Club		18-hole golf course, driving range, putting green
Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve	29600	Open Space, trails.
LeMans Property	19.23	Open Space.

## B.5 School Facilities

Schools are an important resource for recreation facilities such as sports fields, playgrounds and gymnasiums.

**Table B.6**  
Summary of Existing Public School Facilities in Calabasas City Limits  
Las Virgenes Unified School District

School Facility	Acres	Facility
Calabasas High School	40.0	Track, lighted football field, 8 tennis courts, 4 outdoor basketball courts, 1 outdoor pool (25 yd, 6 lane), 1 practice football/ soccer field, Overlaid fields: 2 baseball fields, 1 softball field, 1 soccer field – all unfenced and unlighted. Gymnasium with two full basketball courts and dance studio
Indian Hills High School	1.5	Turf playfield – not large enough to provide an athletic field
A.E. Wright Middle School	19.0	6 outdoor basketball courts, gymnasium with one full basketball court
Alice C. Stelle Middle School*	15.2	3 soccer fields overlaid on 3 multi-use backstop fields, 1 softball field, 8 outdoor basketball courts, gymnasium, multi-purpose room
Bay Laurel Elementary	8.0	1 soccer field, 1 youth baseball field
Chaparral Elementary	4.5	Open turf area, used as 1 soccer field
Lupin Hill Elementary	14.5	2 basketball courts, 4 baseball fields (3 youth, 1 adult), YMCA and Camp Calabasas on site. According to site plan
Round Meadow Elementary*	7.0	Youth baseball field overlaid on soccer field
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109.7</b>	

\* These two schools are outside Calabasas city limits, but inside the City’s planning area as depicted in the General Plan. For this reason, they are included in this table.

## B.6 Nearby Recreational Resources

Below is a list of nearby recreational resources serving the Calabasas area. Due to the Santa Monica National Recreation Area designation, there are many parks and protected areas in the vicinity of Calabasas. Not all of these lands are included on the list. This list includes some of the major park and open space areas nearby.

**Table B.7**  
Summary of Nearby Resources  
City of Calabasas

Recreation Area	Owner	Activity/Facility
Tapia Park	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Park associated with Tapia treatment plant.
Topanga State Park	California State Parks	11,000 acres of open space, 36 miles of trail
Escondido Canyon Natural Area	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Open space
Red Rock Canyon Park	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Open space
Ramirez Canyon Park	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Open space
Malibu Lagoon State Beach	CA State Parks	Open space, trails, beach, historic house
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area	National Park Service	Open Space 550 miles of trail 70,000 ac in public ownership
Henry Ridge Trail System	N/A	Hiking
Summit-to-Summit Trail	N/A	Hiking

## B.7 Facility Definitions

The most functional types of sport facilities are adequately developed and designed to serve a particular function. However, for various reasons (e.g., facility shortages, poor condition), sport facilities are often used for activities or sports they were not designed for. In order to assess the condition of existing facilities and to address additional needs, the facilities have been divided into the following categories.

### *Baseball / Softball Fields*

*Regulation baseball field dimensions:* 320' + outfields, 90' baselines, grass infield, permanent backstop and support facilities

*Youth baseball field dimensions:* 200'+ outfields, 60' baselines, dugouts. Grass infield not required, permanent backstop and support facilities.

*Softball field dimensions* (slow-pitch): 250' minimum-women 275' minimum-men outfields, 60 baselines, (fast pitch) 225', skinned infield, permanent backstop and support facilities

***Soccer Fields***

*Regulation soccer field dimensions:* 195' x 225' by 330' x 360', grass or all weather surfacing, permanent or portable goals

*Youth soccer field dimensions:* varies according to age -- U14 (60 yds. x 110 yds.) - U6 (20 yds. x 30 yds.), permanent or portable goals

***Football Fields***

Field dimensions: 160' x 360', permanent goals

***Tennis Courts***

Appropriate dimensions, fenced and surfaced with a color coat.

***Gymnasium Space***

Appropriate dimension for the sport and has adequate dimensions outside the court for safe play. Playing surface should be of resilient flooring.

***Swimming Pools***

Appropriate dimension for intended use (recreation or competitive).

***Basketball Court***

42'-50' x 74'-94' plus appropriate perimeter distance

***Volleyball Court (Sand)***

30' x 60' plus appropriate perimeter distance

## B.8 Summary of Facilities

A list of recreational facilities categorized by type is included in this section. This includes ball fields, soccer fields, football fields, tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, volleyball courts, gymnasium space and swimming pools. Facilities at Las Virgenes Municipal School District sites are included.

**Table B.8**  
Summary of Recreation Facilities by Type  
City of Calabasas

<i>Baseball Fields</i>			
Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
2	Calabasas High School	Adult. Overlays	Good
1	Round Meadow Elementary	Youth. Overlaid with soccer	Fair
4	Lupin Hill Elementary	1 Adult, 3 youth	Good
1	Bay Laurel Elementary	1 youth	Fair
<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL (Baseball Fields)</b>	3 adult 5 youth	

<i>Softball Fields</i>			
Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	Calabasas High School	Adult. Overlay	Good
1	Alice C. Stelle Middle School	1 adult field. 3 backstops only, overlaid with soccer.	Good
1	Creekside Park	Small. Youth softball/baseball	Fair
<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL (Softball Fields)</b>	2 adult, 1 youth, 3 backstop only	

<i>Football Fields</i>			
Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	Calabasas High School	Lighted	Good
<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL (Football Fields)</b>		

<i>Soccer Fields</i>			
Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	Bay Laurel Elementary		Poor
1	Chaparral Elementary	Open turf area used as field, not official field	Poor

1	Round Meadow Elementary	Overlaid with baseball	Good
3	Alice C. Stelle Middle School	Overlaid with backstop-only softball	Good
2	Calabasas High School	1 field overlaid with ball fields, 1 practice football/soccer field	Fair
<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL (Soccer Fields)</b>	7 fields, 1 non-regulation field	

**Tennis Courts**

Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
16	Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center	1 clay	Good
2	Gates Canyon Park		Good
8	Calabasas High School		Good
<b>26</b>	<b>TOTAL (Tennis Courts)</b>		

**Roller Hockey Rinks**

Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	De Anza Park	Lighted. Overlaid with basketball. Available 4 nights per week	Good
<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL (Roller Hockey Rinks)</b>		

**Outdoor Basketball Courts**

Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	Gates Canyon Park	Lighted, new surface, glass boards	Good
1	Grape Arbor Park	New glass boards	Fair
3	De Anza Park	Lighted. Overlaid with hockey	Good
1	Creekside Park		Fair/Poor
4	Calabasas High School		Good
6	A.E. Wright Middle School		Fair
8	Alice C. Stelle Middle School		Good
2	Lupin Hill Elementary		Fair
<b>26</b>	<b>TOTAL (Basketball Courts)</b>		

***Volleyball Courts (sand)***

Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	Grape Arbor Park		Fair
1	TOTAL (Volleyball Courts)		

***Gymnasiums***

Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center		Good
1	Calabasas High School	Wood floor, 2 full courts	Good
1	A.E. Wright Middle School	Tile floor, 1 court	Good
1	Alice C. Stelle Middle School		Good
4	TOTAL (Gymnasiums)		

***Swimming Pools***

Nmbr.	Location	Comments	Condition
1	Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center	Outdoor	Good
1	Calabasas High School	Outdoor. Not available to the public.	Good
2	TOTAL (Swimming Pools)		